

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JHOANA JUCA, *et. al.*,

Plaintiffs,

-v-

MEISHA ROSS PORTER, *et. al.*,

Defendant(s).
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ORDER

21-CV-2457 (PAE) (JLC)

JAMES L. COTT, United States Magistrate Judge.

By Order of Reference dated July 16, 2021 (Dkt. No. 40), the parties were directed to report to the Court by August 16, 2021 when they would like to schedule a settlement conference. To date, the parties have not provided any potential dates. The parties are directed to submit dates to the Court by **August 20, 2021**. The parties should do so by filing a letter-motion on the docket that indicates at least three dates that are mutually convenient for the parties. Alternatively, counsel are free to e-mail my deputy clerk, David Tam, at David_Tam@nysd.uscourts.gov to find a mutually convenient date for the parties and the Court. The parties previously indicated to the Court that they would like to schedule a settlement conference in September. For the parties' information, the Court's only September availability is on September 27 (in the afternoon) and September 30 (in the morning). The Court

is also available on October 5, 6, 7, or 8, either morning or afternoon. If the parties have settled their dispute, they should advise the Court immediately.

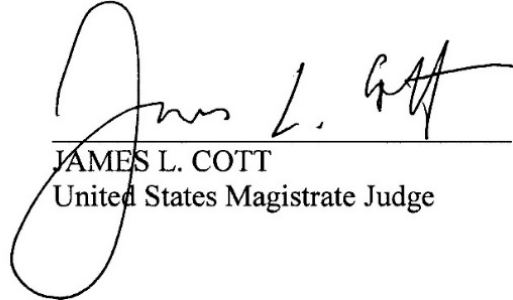
In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, any settlement conference in the foreseeable future will likely be conducted telephonically. Using the Court's conference line system, the Court will begin the settlement conference in joint session with all parties on the line before breaking into private session and speaking to the parties individually, as the technology the Court is using can facilitate breakout sessions with each side.

However, if all parties wish to have the Court provide a video platform (Microsoft Teams or Zoom) and not simply proceed telephonically, they may so advise the Court and the Court will then schedule a conference to discuss logistics. Alternatively, if all parties wish to proceed in person, they may write to the Court requesting an in-person conference. An in-person conference would be permitted only if all participants in the conference (attorneys, clients, and any interpreters) comply with the Court's most recent COVID-19 Protocol (available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>). For avoidance of doubt, all

parties must agree to proceeding by video conference or an in-person conference and make a joint application for the method that is preferred.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 17, 2021
New York, New York



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Cott", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name and title are printed.

JAMES L. COTT
United States Magistrate Judge